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Study of "Resistance Factors and Special Forces Areas: Czechoslovakia"
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1. The attached study, "Resistance Factors and Special Forces Areas: Czechoslovakia" is a more recent attempt by the Department of the Army to develop country handbooks which reflect the intelligence requirements of Special Forces. It was prepared under contract to G-2 by the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] My own cursory examination of this study leads me to feel that it is quite good in relation to other studies that I have seen. The approach is interesting and reasonably logical from my limited knowledge of the subject: the historical compilation and analysis of the resistance groups; analysis of the sociological factors bearing on this matter, and a synthesis of these two factors to determine likely special operations areas. There follows in Part II a brief description of physical geographic, economic, and transportation factors, and considerable suitable concealment factors and targets.

2. Probably the most serious criticism which I have is leveled toward the rather superficial analysis and the large degree of guestimates throughout the study. I hazard the opinion that the cause of this inadequacy lies with the inability of the analysts to differentiate between creditability of the voluminous source materials which they have apparently used.

3. In view of the increasing requirements being laid on the NIS which reflect Special Forces requirements, I have obtained this study for the purpose of seeing what the latest thing is in the Pentagon regarding Special Forces requirements. While I do not know how well this study was received in G-2 or by others in the Department of the Army, I presume that it reflects crystallization of the latest thoughts on this subject. In any event, I think it would be well for you and interested chapter editors to examine the study in regard to the following points: a) as useful background and understanding of Special Forces requirements; b) to get better insight into those requirements which possibly can be satisfied by the NIS.

4. This copy is on loan so I would appreciate not holding it longer than a reasonable length of time. When you have finished with it in D/E, would you please hand it to [REDACTED] so that he may have a quick look at it too, following which it should be returned to me.

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